

Oaks April Activity Descriptions

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Bean Bags (Resident Led) – Get ready for some friendly competition at our resident-led Bean Bags game! Join fellow residents for a fun and casual game, perfect for staying active and socializing. Supplies are conveniently located upstairs by the NuStep bike—just grab a set and let the games begin

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran - Led by pastors from Faith Lutheran. Enjoy a time of scripture, reflection, and discussion in a welcoming and uplifting environment. All are welcome to participate!

Bingo – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Birthday Social – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in April!

Bunco 101 – Curious about Bunco? Join us for a fun and relaxed introduction to this popular dice game. We'll go over the basics, play a few practice rounds, and have plenty of time for questions—no experience needed!

Cards (Resident Led) - Join us for a fun card game session! Residents will choose the game, so bring your favorite ideas or learn something new. It's a great way to connect, relax, and enjoy friendly competition.

Cash Wise Grocery – Place your weekly grocery order online or by phone for delivery. Life Enrichment team members are available to assist.

Category Trivia - Put your knowledge to the test with a fun round of Category Trivia! We've selected six playful categories—Marbles, Jacks, Pick-Up Sticks, Tiddlywinks, Jumping Games, and Spinning Toys—with six questions in each. Enjoy a mix of nostalgia, friendly competition, and

teamwork as we see who knows the most about these classic pastimes!

Coffee & Snack - Daily social gathering with coffee and individually wrapped snacks in the dining room.

Community Egg Hunt – Join us for our annual Community Egg Hunt, where we welcome children and families for a fun-filled celebration! Residents are invited to take part by helping hand out candy throughout the living areas, creating smiles and special moments for our young visitors. This intergenerational event is a wonderful way to connect with the community, share in the excitement, and enjoy the joy of the season together.

Concession Stand – Stop by the Concession Stand for a classic treat! Enjoy free popcorn, candy, and soda while you mingle with friends or grab a snack to go. Whether you're staying to chat or just picking up a favorite treat, this is a perfect way to add a little fun to your day!

Craft Corner (Resident Led) - Bring your own craft or art project to work on in a creative, social atmosphere. Coloring sheets will also be provided. Join fellow residents for a relaxing and fun time making art together at your own pace!

Craft: Chalkboard Art - Unleash your creativity with this hands-on craft! Each participant will receive a chalkboard to paint, stain, or decorate the frame, then design the chalkboard surface itself using the stencils provided. This activity is a fun way to personalize a decorative piece for your space while enjoying the satisfaction of making something unique with your own hands.

CrossPoint Service – Televised - Residents are invited to gather for a televised CrossPoint Church service, a resident-led and requested program. The service will be played on the TV in the upstairs living area, offering a meaningful opportunity for worship, reflection, and connection in a comfortable group setting. All are welcome to join.

Devotions with Shawn - Join Shawn for a non-denominational spiritual study. A welcoming

time for reflection, encouragement, and shared insight.

Dining Committee - Pull up a chair and let your voice be heard! In this new program, residents are invited to meet with our Dining Manager to discuss upcoming menus, share ideas, and offer feedback. Help create a dining experience everyone can enjoy!

Ecumen Wellness – Join us for our signature exercise program!

Evening Bingo – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Fatherly Wit and Wisdom - Join us for a humorous look at the wit, wisdom, and parenting adventures of fathers. Share laughs, memorable stories, and reflections on the unique perspectives dads bring to life, celebrating the humor and heart behind fatherhood.

Golf Card Game (Resident-Led) - Join fellow residents for a friendly round of the classic Golf card game. Easy to learn and full of fun—bring your best strategy and enjoy!

Grief Group with Jim Heymans – Grief isn't just about death—it can follow any major life change that reshapes your entire world. Join us for support, education and a time to heal and connect with others who are navigating life's transitions. Led by Ecumen Hospice staff, our time together will allow us to learn and grow. (Pines Dining Room)

Heads or Tails Day – In Celebration of Coin Collecting - Join in a simple and fun game of chance! Everyone chooses either "heads" or "tails," and then we'll flip a coin—or use our digital Coin Flipper—to see who guessed correctly. Each correct guess earns a point, making this an easy, engaging, and lighthearted way to enjoy a little friendly competition.

HIIT It! Workout - Get your heart pumping with a quick and effective seated workout! HIIT, or High-Intensity Interval Training, alternates short bursts of activity with brief rest periods to give your body a cardiovascular. This session is designed to be done entirely while seated, making it accessible for all fitness levels. It's a

fun, time-friendly way to build the habit of regular exercise without a big time commitment.

Horseracing – Test Your Odds. Get ready for some fast-paced fun with our Horseracing game! Pick your horse and roll the dice to see who dashes toward the finish line. Each dice roll determines which horse moves forward, giving every horse an equal chance to win. Cheer on your choice, enjoy the excitement, and see if luck is on your side!

Ice Cream Social! - Indulge in sweet treats and delightful company at our Ice Cream Social! Enjoy an ice cream treat while connecting with friends and creating cherished moments. A simple way to brighten your day!

Manicures – Relax as we clip, file, and paint your nails each week.

Men's Group: Guy Talk – Men are invited to gather for coffee and conversation in this relaxed group. Share stories, ideas, and whatever's on your mind. This time, How the world works, character and grit & opinions and preferences.

Morning Coffee (Resident Led) – Join us for a relaxed and social gathering, enjoy a hot cup of coffee, and connect with friends. It's a perfect way to kick off the morning with conversation and good company!

Movie Night - See digital signs for specific movies each week, Tuesday/Wednesday Movie Night movies are played on the common area TV's upstairs.

Music with Pastor Adam – Enjoy an uplifting musical experience with Pastor Adam from CrossPoint Church, who joins us every other month to share his talent and love of music. Residents can sit back, relax, and enjoy a mix of familiar songs, meaningful melodies, and a warm, engaging atmosphere. This program offers a wonderful opportunity to connect through music, reminisce, and experience the joy and comfort that live performance brings.

Outing: Below Zero - Celebrate the start of the season with a trip to everyone's favorite frozen yogurt spot, Below Zero! Residents can enjoy a

variety of delicious flavors and toppings while socializing and indulging in a sweet treat. Don't miss this tasty outing!

Outing: Hutch Library - Join us for a visit to the Hutchinson Library—an outing requested by our residents! Enjoy browsing books, exploring new titles, or simply relaxing in a welcoming community space. Whether you're an avid reader or just looking for a peaceful change of scenery, this outing offers something for everyone. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board to secure your spot on the bus.

Outing: Shopping Around Hutch, Mondays - Weekly shopping trip to the store of your choice! Sign up on the bulletin board.

Out to Eat: Crow River Winery - Join us for a resident-requested outing to Crow River Winery! Enjoy a relaxed dining experience with a menu featuring pizzas, sandwiches, salads, and starters. This is a wonderful opportunity to savor good food, socialize with friends, and enjoy a change of scenery.

Pizza Party! (Resident Led) – It's pizza time! Join us for a resident-led Pizza Party, organized through the Resident Planning Committee. Sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot. Pizza will be delivered from Domino's, and the cost will be approximately \$3–5 per person (exact amount will be announced day-of). Melanie will collect payment. Come enjoy great food and even better company!

Playing Marbles, Jacks, and Pick-Up Sticks - Fun once fit right in your pocket! Join us as we revisit classic games like marbles, jacks, and pick-up sticks—no screens or batteries required. These simple favorites brought laughter, friendly competition, and moments of focus to everyday life. Come enjoy a bit of nostalgia, sharpen your skills, and share memories while playing these timeless games together.

Questions for Conversation – Five Things - Spark conversation and share your thoughts in this engaging activity! You'll be asked to name five things in a variety of categories—some personal, some universal. Topics may lead to laughter, reflection, and even friendly debate, making this

a fun way to connect with others and learn more about your fellow residents.

Remembering Ella Fitzgerald Songs - Celebrate the legacy of Ella Fitzgerald, the "First Lady of Song." Rising to fame in the 1930s with the Chick Webb Orchestra and her hit "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," Ella captivated audiences for six decades, earning 14 Grammys and selling over 40 million albums. Join us as we listen to her iconic songs, reflect on her remarkable career, and enjoy the timeless charm of her music from the Great American Songbook.

Resident Meeting – Held monthly. Please contact Melanie Z. with any agenda items you may have.

Resident Planning Program - Share your ideas and help shape February's activities! This empowering session gives you the opportunity to suggest and plan programs that interest you most. Let your voice inspire our calendar!

Root Beer Float Social – A sweet treat by popular demand! Residents will lead this social as we enjoy classic root beer floats together. Come for the fun, the fizz, and the chance to connect with friends over a delicious treat.

Skip-Bo - Enjoy a relaxed game of Skip-Bo with fellow residents. Sharpen your card-playing skills, share some laughs, and have a great time together.

St. A's Communion - Catholic communion from St. A's parish. Every Sunday morning.

Tic Card Game (Resident Led): A fast-paced and fun group card game where players race to collect four cards of the same number or suit. Once a player has four of a kind, they subtly place a finger on the table — other players must quickly follow! The last person to notice gets a letter — spell "TIC" and you're out! Great for laughs, observation skills, and friendly competition.

Travelogue – Destination: Checking Out Chile - This month, we are traveling to Chile.

Universal Yums: Poland - Explore a box of snacks and candies from a different country every

month. The products are delicious, unique, and often extremely difficult (or even impossible) to find in the United States. But there's more than incredible Yums. Each month we'll also discover an interactive guidebook to steer your adventure – including trivia, games, recipes, culture, and more!

Visits with Carrie – Social interaction in your apartment with Carrie.

Weekend Bingo – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Wet (& Dry) April Jokes - The laughs don't have to end with April Fool's Day! Join us for a lighthearted program filled with jokes and puns all inspired by the month of April—from spring showers to blooming flowers and everything in between. Whether you enjoy silly humor or clever wordplay, this is a great chance to share a laugh and brighten your day.

What Tree Am I? - Celebrate Arbor Day by putting your tree knowledge to the test! In this fun activity, you'll be given four clues about 25 different trees, with the final clue showing a picture of each tree. See how many you can identify correctly—and when you're finished, take a moment to step outside and give a tree a big hug!

Whist – Resident Led – Join fellow residents for an enjoyable game of Whist, led by one of your peers! Sharpen your skills, enjoy friendly competition, and socialize in a relaxed, welcoming setting. All experience levels are welcome.

Wind Down with Willie (Nelson) - Take some time to relax as we explore the life and music of Willie Nelson, whose sound reflects grit, independence, and a life lived on his own terms. We'll dive into his story, share thoughts and memories, and enjoy meaningful conversation inspired by his legacy. We'll wrap up the session with a fun Willie Nelson true-or-false quiz to test your knowledge!

Worship with Faith Lutheran - Lutheran - Faith Lutheran/Christ the King service and communion rotation.

Yahtzee (Resident Led) - Enjoy the classic dice game with friends, where strategy and luck combine for a fun and competitive experience. All are welcome to participate!

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3 Card Bingo with Rosie, 4/8 - Residents receive a "bingo card" made up of three playing cards. The caller draws cards from a separate deck and announces each one aloud. When a resident has a matching card on their board, they cover it. The first resident to cover all three cards wins!

500 (Resident Led), Tuesdays - Full of strategy and teamwork! Whether you're playing solo or with a partner, try to outscore your opponents and enjoy a friendly game of this classic card favorite. All are welcome to join!

Aggravation (Resident Led), Wednesdays— Join fellow residents for a fun and friendly game of Aggravation! This classic board game is all about strategy, a little luck, and plenty of laughs. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, come check it out and enjoy some great company!

April IQ, 4/29 - April showers come and go—but how much do you really know about April? Test your knowledge with fun and engaging trivia all themed around the month of April. From seasonal facts to quirky holidays, this activity is a great way to challenge your mind while celebrating the spirit of spring!

Bean Bags (Resident Led), 4/19 – A fun, resident-led program from the *Sometimes Funtimes Committee*! Join us for friendly competition and social fun as we play a classic game of bean bags together. Everyone is welcome!

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran, 4/16 - Join the pastors from Faith Lutheran to learn about the bible.

Bingo, Fridays – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Bingo with Brenda, 4/5 – Per the *Sometimes Funtimes Committee*, we're trying something new—resident-led bingo! Join Brenda as she calls the numbers for a fun, interactive game that's full of laughs, excitement, and community spirit. Everyone is welcome to play!

Birthday Social, 4/16 – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in April!

Bunco 101, 4/1 – Resident requested. Curious about Bunco? Join us for a fun and relaxed introduction to this popular dice game. We'll go over the basics, play a few practice rounds, and have plenty of time for questions—no experience needed!

Cash Wise Grocery, Thursdays – Place your weekly grocery order online or by phone for delivery. Life Enrichment team members are available to assist.

Category Trivia, 4/14 - Put your knowledge to the test with a fun round of Category Trivia! We've selected six playful categories—Marbles, Jacks, Pick-Up Sticks, Tiddlywinks, Jumping Games, and Spinning Toys—with six questions in each. Enjoy a mix of nostalgia, friendly competition, and teamwork as we see who knows the most about these classic pastimes!

Craft: Chalkboard Art, 4/15 - Unleash your creativity with this hands-on craft! Each participant will receive a chalkboard to paint, stain, or decorate the frame, then design the chalkboard surface itself using the stencils provided. This activity is a fun way to personalize a decorative piece for your space while enjoying the satisfaction of making something unique with your own hands.

Coffee & Snack, Daily - Daily social gathering with coffee and individually wrapped snacks in the dining room.

Communion with Pastor Paul – Peace Lutheran, 4/17 - Pastor Paul from Peace Lutheran will be here to provide communion.

Community Egg Hunt, 4/3 – Join us for our annual Community Egg Hunt, where we welcome children and families for a fun-filled celebration! Residents are invited to take part by helping hand out candy throughout the living areas, creating smiles and special moments for our young visitors. This intergenerational event is a wonderful way to connect with the community, share in the excitement, and enjoy the joy of the season together.

Concession Stand, 4/24 – Stop by the Concession Stand for a classic treat! Enjoy free popcorn, candy, and soda while you mingle with friends or grab a snack to go. Whether you're staying to chat or just picking up a favorite treat, this is a perfect way to add a little fun to your day!

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Cranium Crunches, 4/1 – Give your brain a workout with Cranium Crunches! There are six mentally challenging puzzles designed to spark thinking, conversation, and friendly problem-solving as a group. A fun and engaging way to keep minds sharp this month.

Dining Menu Committee, 4/1 – Pull up a chair and let your voice be heard! In this new program, residents are invited to meet with our Dining Manager to discuss upcoming menus, share ideas, and offer feedback. Help create a dining experience everyone can enjoy!

Ecumen Wellness, Monday/Wednesday/Fridays – Join us for our signature exercise program!

Evening Bingo, 4/8 – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Farkle (Resident-Led), Saturdays – By popular resident request, join us for a game of Farkle led by one of our own! This exciting dice game blends strategy and chance, making for a lively and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, come enjoy great company and some resident-led fun!

Fatherly Wit and Wisdom, 4/2 - Join us for a humorous look at the wit, wisdom, and parenting adventures of fathers. Share laughs, memorable stories, and reflections on the unique perspectives dads bring to life, celebrating the humor and heart behind fatherhood.

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time together will allow us to learn and grow. (Pines Dining Room)

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Ice Cream Social!, 4/10 - Indulge in sweet treats and delightful company at our Ice Cream Social! Enjoy an ice cream treat while connecting with friends and creating cherished moments. A simple way to brighten your day!

Manicures, Tuesdays – Relax as we clip, file, and paint your nails each week.

Mass/Communion with Father Tony, 4/10 - Catholic - Communion with Father Tony from St. A's

Men's Coffee and Pastries, 4/7 – A relaxed gathering for the men of our community! Enjoy coffee, pastries, and good conversation in a welcoming setting. A simple way to connect, socialize, and start the day on a positive note.

Men's Group: Guy Talk, 4/9 – Men are invited to gather for coffee and conversation in this relaxed group. Share stories, ideas, and

whatever's on your mind. This time, How the world works, character and grit & opinions and preferences.

Mexican Train Dominoes (Resident Led), Mondays - Strategy and luck come together! Players build their trains with dominoes, aiming to be the first to finish. It's a fun, social game that's easy to learn and perfect for friendly competition. All are welcome to play!

Morning Coffee (Resident Led), Thursdays - Join us for a relaxed and social gathering, enjoy a hot cup of coffee, and connect with friends. It's a perfect way to kick off the morning with conversation and good company!

Movie Night, Tuesdays - See separate handout for individual movie synopsis. Tuesday/Wednesday Movie Night movies are played on the common area TV's upstairs.

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Play 9 (Resident-Led), Tuesdays - Gather for a fun, resident-led introduction to this easy-to-learn card game! All skill levels welcome!

Playing Marbles, Jacks, and Pick-Up Sticks, 4/11 - Fun once fit right in your pocket! Join us as we revisit classic games like marbles, jacks, and pick-up sticks—no screens or batteries required. These simple favorites brought laughter, friendly competition, and moments of focus to everyday life. Come enjoy a bit of nostalgia, sharpen your skills, and share memories while playing these timeless games together.

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iconic songs, reflect on her remarkable career, and enjoy the timeless charm of her music from the Great American Songbook.

Random Trivia, 4/30 - Join us for a lively round of trivia featuring 30 questions across a variety of topics. Answers and interesting facts are provided to inspire conversation and friendly competition.

Resident Council (Resident Led), 4/7 – This resident-led council provides a space for open discussion on community life, concerns, and ideas. Created at the request of residents, the group meets independently to share thoughts and work together on topics they wish to bring forward to community leadership. A meaningful way to promote communication, collaboration, and resident voice.

Resident Meeting, 4/14 – Held monthly. Please contact Melanie Z. with any agenda items you may have.

Root Beer Float Social, 4/12 – A sweet treat by popular demand! Residents will lead this social as we enjoy classic root beer floats together. Come for the fun, the fizz, and the chance to connect with friends over a delicious treat.

Shoot Pool (Resident Led), Thursdays - By popular request, residents will lead a friendly game of pool! Come show off your skills, enjoy some friendly competition, and socialize with fellow players in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

Skip-Bo, 4/23 - Enjoy a relaxed game of Skip-Bo with fellow residents. Sharpen your card-playing skills, share some laughs, and have a great time together.

SomeTimes FunTimes Committee, 4/8 - Share your ideas and help shape May's activities! This empowering session gives you the opportunity to suggest and plan programs that interest you most. Let your voice inspire our calendar!

St. A's Communion, Sundays - Catholic communion from St. A's parish. Every Sunday morning.

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What Tree Am I?, 4/21 - Celebrate Arbor Day by putting your tree knowledge to the test! In this fun activity, you'll be given four clues about 25 different trees, with the final clue showing a picture of each tree. See how many you can identify correctly—and when you're finished, take a moment to step outside and give a tree a big hug!

Worship with Faith Lutheran, 4/9 - Lutheran - Faith Lutheran/Christ the King service and communion rotation.